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If all this talk about
equality for women ever
comes about, it will be quite
a comedown for them.

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WAYNESVILLE, N. C., THURSDAY AFTERNOON, MAY 3, 1956

\$3.50 In Advance In Haywood and Jackson Counties



A SAFETY AWARD for completion of 112,000 man hours without a lost-time accident was presented to employees of the Haywood Electric Membership Corp. Wednesday morning by Jim McGee of Knoxville, representing the Employers Mutuals Insurance Co. of Wausau, Wis. The plaque was received by R. C. Sheffield,

manager of the REA cooperative. The man-hours were accumulated between July, 1953 and April, 1956, by the co-op's 13 employees in the Waynesville area and six in the Highlands area.

(Mountaineer Photo.)

New Balsam-Sylva Highway Survey Shortens Distance About Two Miles

Auto Inspection Campaign Opens On Saturday With County-Wide Parade

With a parade Saturday the length of the county, two bands, a bevy of beauty queens and an ever-increasing number of prizes being donated by interested merchants, Haywood County interest focuses on Vehicle Safety-Check Week, May 7-12 even before the official kickoff meeting of the program May 4.

Sponsored by the county's Traffic Safety Council, the meeting is set for 7:30 p.m. Friday at the Courthouse. The public is invited, and delegates are expected from civic, fraternal, religious, social and professional organizations throughout the county.

At the meeting, the Highway Safety Advisory Council, headed by C. C. Poindexter, will report on the program being developed and details of the work going on in the schools and in driver-training.

At the same time, the meeting is slated to bring before the public the voluntary auto inspection program May 7-12 sponsored by Haywood's four towns.

For this car check, inspection lanes will be set up at Canton and at Waynesville, to be open from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday. The Waynesville lane will be on the Asheville road between the hospital and Ketter's and the Canton lane immediately this side of the Canton town limits on the 4-lane highway.

In addition a lane will be open on Tuesday and Thursday during the same hours on the Balsam road near Five Points. Mechanics, law enforcement officers and driver-trainees and other high school students will cooperate in getting the cars through the lanes in the fewest possible minutes.

Saturday's parade is scheduled to start at 10 a.m. from Bethel, proceeding through Canton, Clyde, (See Auto Safety—Page 6)

Haywood Democrats Will Hold Precinct Meetings On Saturday At 2 P.M.



FRANK D. FERGUSON, JR., chairman of the Haywood Democratic Executive Committee announced today he could not accept the position for another two-year term because of pressure of his law practice.

F. Ferguson Cannot Take Demo Office

Frank D. Ferguson, Jr., announced this morning that he could not serve as chairman of the Haywood Democratic Executive Committee for the coming two years.

Ferguson's statement came after a number of Democrats had approached him, pledging continued support, when the Democrats meet in the county convention, Saturday, May 12. Ferguson was elected two (See Ferguson—Page 6)

Haywood Democrats will hold precinct meetings at each of the 29 polling places in the county, Saturday at 2 p.m., County Executive Chairman Frank D. Ferguson, Jr., announced.

The present chairman of each precinct will call the meetings to order, and preside for the business session, at which time a 5-member committee will be named. The committee in turn will name a precinct chairman, which will become a member of the county Democratic executive committee.

The County Convention is set for May 12, at the court house, also at 2 p.m. The executive committee will meet after the formal program, which Ferguson said will likely feature a keynote speaker. The executive committee will name a chairman, vice chairman and a secretary. If the chairman is a man, a vice chairman will be a woman. The secretary can be either.

Mrs. Mary Robinson is present vice chairman, and Mrs. Fred Campbell is secretary.

Chairman Ferguson said the program for the 12th will be announced later.

He pointed out the extreme (See Democrats—Page 6)

Local Jaycees Will Install New Officers Monday

Charles "Buddy" Parris will be installed as the new president of the Waynesville Jaycees Monday evening, at a dinner meeting at the Lodge. He will succeed Elmer Hendrix as president of the 22-member organization.

J. P. Brady, district vice president, and newspaperman of Franklin, will be the speaker of the evening.

Contract For First Link To Be Let

A \$1,250,000 relocation of U. S. Highway 23-19A between Sylva and Balsam Gap is expected to get under way this summer. The 10½-mile stretch will be approximately 2 miles shorter than the present highway.

Unless protests are filed by May 5, the plan now posted in the Courthouse at Waynesville and Sylva and drawn up by R. Getty Browning, State Locating Engineer; W. H. Rogers, Jr., State Highway Engineer; and A. H. Graham, State Highway Chairman, will go into effect. According to the office of C. W. Lee, 14th Division Highway Engineer in charge of this area, the contract for the section from Dillardtown, at the town limits of Sylva, to Willits will probably be awarded in the July letting. The remainder of the program is slated to come up in the next appropriation.

The 150-foot right of way straddles some 6 miles from Waynesville, about 2500 feet on the Haywood side of the Jackson county line. A long sweeping curve takes it past the entrance to the road leading to the Balsam depot. The road then leaves the present route to cross Scotts Creek on the north side and follows the creek to the foot of the mountain at the Ray Brooks place.

There it picks up the general alignment of the old highway, eliminating numerous sharp curves until it reaches Willits, where it crosses the railroad, Scotts Creek and the old Dark Ridge Road near Scotts Creek school.

The new highway parallels the old road as far as the W. O. Robinson property a short distance beyond Willits, then swings out until at Addie it lies between 1 and 1½ miles south of the present road.

It follows in general an old secondary road toward Beta, coming there within about 1000 feet of the railroad and the present highway; then swings southward, connecting with the present highway at the town limits of Sylva.

Haywood Highlanders To Meet Monday Night

The Haywood County Highlanders will hold their May meeting at 7:30 p.m. Monday at the courthouse.

President L. E. DeVous will preside.

\$49,931 In Contracts For Cruso School Awarded

Contracts totaling \$49,931 were awarded by the Haywood Board of Education last night to four bidders for additions and renovations of the Cruso school.

The board did not accept any

alternates, according to Lawrence Leatherwood, county superintendent.

Jerry Liner was low bidder for the general contract, with a bid of \$36,690. The electrical contract

went to Martin Electric Company for \$4,823; while E. J. Hyatt was awarded the heating contract for \$6,000, and the plumbing contract for \$3,418 went to the Farmers Hardware and Supply Company, all of Waynesville.

A new kitchen is being added to the school, which has an enrollment of 201 students and six teachers. The present auditorium will be converted into a cafeteria, while a new boiler room, and heating plant will be installed. The rest rooms will be modernized and enlarged.

The contractors told the board that from 90 to 120 days will be necessary to complete the job. Henry Foy is the architect for the project.

Highway Record For 1956	
In Haywood (TO DATE)	
Killed 1	(1955 — 0)
Injured 31	(1955 — 16)
Accidents 76	1955 — 47)
Loss . . . \$25,379	(1955 — \$17,304)
(This information compiled from records of State Highway Patrol.)	

Dayton Rubber Company Employees Set Safety Record Of Over Million Hours, National Award Seen

On the eve of the Auto Safety Inspection Program, the employees at The Dayton Rubber Company have reached a total of 1,000,000 man hours worked without a lost-time accident.

By establishing such a safe working record, The Dayton Rubber Company is eligible to receive the coveted Award of Merit from the National Safety Council.

This 1,000,000 man hour mark has only been reached once before in the history of The Dayton Rubber Company in Waynesville.

In 1953, the people worked 1,108,720 man hours without a lost-time injury and are now only a very few days away from breaking this old record.

"Seldom in industry does a group of people establish such a record, and we are very proud of our employees in attaining this accomplishment. Only through diligent and safe working habits can a group of employees reach this mark and all employees at The Dayton Rubber Company are to be complimented on this achievement. We are looking forward to exceeding our previous record and with everyone's diligent efforts it can be accomplished," Mr. J. H. Hildenbiddle, Jr., General Manager of the Waynesville plant, stated.

Precinct Registrars To Have Books At Polls Saturday

County residents are reminded by John Carver, chairman of the Haywood County Board of Elections, that registrars will be on duty at their respective precincts on Saturday from 9 a.m. until sunset.

Registration books opened last Saturday and will close May 12. Persons unable to register on Saturday are permitted to contact their registrars at their homes during the week.

Reed Opens Subdivision Near Bethel

Lyman Reed announced this morning that he has opened Pisgah View, a new subdivision near Bethel, just off Highway 276. The 14-lot sub-division is six miles from Waynesville.

Reed said he has named Kilpatrick-Felmet Co. here as exclusive sales agents for the property. The lots average from three-fourths to one acre each, and all have a water line and face a gravel street.

The level lots, Reed said, constitute an exclusive residential section, and have an unobstructed view of the mountains and the wide Pigeon Valley.

The sub-division is now open for inspection, and the selling agents said they would accompany interested parties to the site at any time.

Teachers To Be Named Next Week

Plans were being completed today in the board of education for district school committees to meet next week for electing teachers for the coming year.

The board will also receive bids on May 8th for the administration building which is to be built on the lot just back of the court house.

DR. STRINGFIELD

CONFINED AT HOME

Dr. J. K. Stringfield, who developed pneumonia about three weeks ago, will be confined to his home for an indefinite period.

New Four-Color Book For C. of C. Printed

The largest and most elaborate folder ever produced for the Chamber of Commerce came off The Mountaineer's presses today for ultimate delivery to 20,000 prospective visitors. The booklet contains 17 double pages, which fold into 24 pages of reading matter. The cover is printed in four colors—the first time that more than two have been used.

Ned Tucker, executive vice president of the Chamber, said that 3,000 copies are earmarked "to go immediately to the Chicago Travel Bureau for distribution throughout the Ohio Valley. Others will go to Jacksonville, Fla., and to a number

of other strategic points from which our visitors come."

The cover is so designed that no matter which way the folder may be tucked into a rack, the reader sees in black on sunny yellow, a big "Welcome to Waynesville, North Carolina." The paper had to go through the press four different times to produce the soft autumnal scene of the Balsams seen across the golf course. (Those who see it may be surprised to learn that the top layer of ink is black!)

Inside pages are printed in black on white, with a sky-blue trim. The first double sheet features Waynesville "in the (See Four Color Book—Page 6)

Workman Atop Phone Pole Jarred As Truck Strikes

As Cpl. Pritchard H. Smith of the Highway Patrol remarked this morning: "It's getting so that it's not even safe to climb a pole in Haywood County these days."

The corporal was referring to a traffic accident when a dump truck shattered a telephone pole Monday afternoon on the Asheville highway while a Southern Bell lineman was working atop the pole.

The lineman was identified as J. A. Holden of the Canton telephone office.

The accident occurred at 4:30 p.m. Monday at the intersection of the Asheville Highway and Ratcliffe Cove road near the Waynesville Drive-In Theatre—a spot which has seen a number of wrecks (See Telephone Pole—Page 6)

Haywood Women Injured In Wreck

Two Haywood County women were hospitalized as the result of an automobile accident Sunday near Millen, Ga. Mrs. Earl Price, Jr., of Clyde and Mrs. James Hardin of Canton were admitted to the Mulkey Hospital in Millen, where Mrs. Price's condition is reported "fair" and Mrs. Hardin's, "good."

Mr. and Mrs. Price and Mr. and Mrs. Hardin were returning from a Florida vacation when it is said that a car "loaded with teenagers" attempted to pass on a hill the car driven by Price. The passing car skidded an estimated 200 feet, and despite Price's quick stop, his car was hit. A 1956 Buick, the car is reported a complete loss.

Mrs. Price suffered a fractured right knee and a fractured chin. Mrs. Hardin received a fractured ankle.

Both Mr. Price and Mr. Hardin were dismissed from the hospital dispensary after treatment for bruises and lacerations.

Parkway Ranger To Be Transferred To Washington

Arthur A. Henderson, ranger on the Soco-Mile High and Wagon Road-Beech Gap sections of the Blue Ridge Parkway for the past eight months, has been promoted to naturalist and will be transferred to the National Capital Parks in Washington, D. C.

The announcement was made this week by Robert Howe of Asheville, district ranger for the Parkway.

While in this area, Mr. and Mrs. Henderson have resided on National Park Service property at Soco Gap.

Bill Orr, who was ranger here (See Ranger—Page 2)

Civil Court Will Convene Monday

Thirty-four cases are listed on the docket slated for hearing in the May term of Superior Court, which opens here Monday with Judge J. Will Pless of Marion presiding.

On the motion docket for Monday are four cases: Herschel Owen vs. K. E. Browning; Ray Owens

B.N.F., Minnie Owens vs. K. E. Browning; R. N. Barber, et al., vs. N. C. State Highway and Public Works Commission; Mary Ruth Jenkins, administratrix of D. C. Jenkins, deceased, vs. N. C. Department of Motor Vehicles.

On the trial calendar for Monday are three cases: Lyle W. Coffey T/A Coffe Motors vs. Ben Messer and Lela Messer; Ruth Underwood Kelly vs. A. T. Ward, administrator of the estate of David Underwood, Jr., deceased; J. E. Rush vs. Frank M. Hampton and Tate Daniels.

The trial calendar for Tuesday includes these four cases: James Mann, T/A Waynesville Art Gallery and Mrs. L. M. White vs. Railway Express Agency; G. W. Clark vs. Robert McCracken and Billy Newton McCracken; Olson Ledford vs. Arthur Clay Grant, Jr.; C. B. Anderson T/A Alken Builders Supply Co. vs. Robert Wallace

(See Civil Court—Page 2)



ANN COMAN CRAWFORD has been elected president of the rising senior class at Woman's College of the University of North Carolina, Greensboro, a 1953 graduate of Waynesville High School, Miss Crawford is an English major at WC. She is the daughter of Mrs. Charles Kirkpatrick of Everett, Wash., and the late Walter Crawford.

The Weather

Occasional scattered showers and thunderstorms today and tomorrow with above-normal temperatures.	
Official Waynesville temperature as reported by the State Test Farm.	
Date	Max. Min. Prec.
April 30	79 49 —
May 1	72 53 .16
May 2	73 58 .50



DOGWOOD TREES like this one have touched off the parade of springtime beauty in Western North Carolina mountains—to be followed later by the equally magnificent mountain laurel, flame

azalea, and rhododendron. This particular tree is situated on North Main St. in Waynesville, near the residence of Mrs. Fred Calhoun, Sr. (Mountaineer Photo.)